

# Agenda



1. Update on status of Spring Data Collection & Targeting Summer Effort
2. Priorities Discussion - Challenges, Opportunities, priorities and desired outcomes.
3. Building Guiding Principles for Today
4. Public involvement options
5. Next meeting (June 20, 2016)
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# Spring Data Collection



County Lots  
– Off-street  
only




## Survey Days

- Thursday, April 28
- Saturday, April 30

## Supply

- 1,307 on-street stalls
- 2,604 (69%) off-street stalls
- 46 off-street sites (33%)

2016

 Parking Study Area  
 Economic Improvement District  
 Bend Parking District

# Spring Data Collection

## RWC Observations



- Downtown is robust and vibrant. Constant activity.
- Areas of very high parking activity throughout the entire study area.
- Need to discuss the purpose, intent and calibration of on-street permit programs.
- Parking communication system needs improvement.
- Thursday was very busy, start to finish (9:30 a.m. – 7:30 pm.). Saturday was robust in the downtown core, with the areas around the downtown moderate (increasing in evening).
- Both days, the garage was not particularly well utilized.

# Summer Data Collection Target



- Recommend a Wednesday/Friday as a means to pick up Farmers Market and track a Friday vs. the Thursday just completed.
- Work with Diamond on First Friday data collection in garage.
- Come back in Fall (if committee desires) to complete another Thursday/Saturday or Wednesday/Friday.

# Building Guiding Principles



- Desired Outcomes
- Bend's distinct qualities
- Priorities, challenges and opportunities

*There are no right or wrong answers about parking, the key will be consensus on statements of value and how we want downtown to work.*

# Desired Outcomes



- What would you like to see as an outcome of this process? For example, if a new parking management program were developed, what beneficial outcomes would be derived?

# Understanding Bend



- What attracts people to Bend?
- What is working for businesses that make Bend special?
- What makes Bend an attractive place to live?
- What types of things keep you here?

# Bend - Downtown Parking

Establishing Priorities



- What is currently working well in the parking system?
  - Things that make parking easy (e.g., signage, areas where “there is always parking,” communications, etc.)
  - What “benefits” customers?
  - Enforcement
  - Things customers might find unique to Bend
  - What makes Bend successful?
  - Other



# Bend- Downtown Parking

## Establishing Priorities



- What is currently not working in downtown as it relates to parking and access? What could be improved?
  - Conflict points (between customers/employees, employees/downtown residents)
  - Specific areas where problems are more common?
  - Times of day, days of week, seasons?
  - Specific programs (e.g., signage, time stays, enforcement, etc.)
  - Inadequate facilities (e.g., sidewalk gaps, missing bike lanes, poor lighting)
  - Discomfort (e.g., narrow sidewalks, high vehicle speeds, blind corners)

# Bend - Downtown Parking

## Elements of a Successful Parking Plan



- ***A successful parking program for Downtown Bend would be...***

# Bend - Downtown Parking

## Establishing Priorities



- Who is our primary user?
  - Downtown on-street, off-street
- If all your parking supply is limited, assuming you cannot build any more, who has priority to use the parking?
- Who is responsible for providing parking to:
  - Customers
  - Employees
  - Residents
- What is the public's role in parking, the private sector's role?
  - Who is responsible for sustaining the system?

# Bend - Downtown Parking

## Establishing Priorities



- Should employees be allowed to park on-street in the commercial downtown?
- Should employees be allowed to park on-street in residential neighborhoods?
- Should business/property owners be allowed to park on-street in the commercial downtown?
- Should downtown residents be allowed to park on-street in the commercial downtown?
- Should downtown customers be allowed to park on-street in residential neighborhoods?

# Public Involvement Options



- Engagement opportunities: When and how might public engagement inform the project?
- Downtown stakeholder engagement.
- Broad community engagement.
- Other engagement as needed



## Next Steps (June meeting - #3)

- Draft set of Guiding Principles
- Initial (raw) Spring Data findings
- Continue discussion of public outreach
- What more would the Committee like to see?



*THANK YOU!*